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SUBJ: YOUR VISIT TO MONTEVIDEO

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

1. I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMOOODATE NEEDS THIS POST FOR VISIT MONTEVIDEO AND BELIEVE SCHEDULE SUGGESTED REFTEL WHILE VERY SHORT WILL GIVE YOU OPPORTUNITY TO DO MINIMUM NECESSARY. THIS ASSUMES YO WILL ARRIVE HERE NO LATER THAN ABOUT 10:30 AM (EARLIER

IF ATTACHE PLANE AVAILABLE) AND LEAVE ABUT 3:00 PM (WHICH WOULD BE BEST AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL FLIGHT TO AEROPARQUE) OR PERHAPS A BIT EARLIER IF ATTACHE PLANE AVAILABLE. I WILL NEET SOONEST WITH BLANCO TO WORK OUT SPECIFIC PROGRAM FOR THESE HOURS.

2. BELIEVE IT WOULD VERY MUCH IN OUR INTEREST IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE THE SECRETARY'S THINKING ABOUT LA POLICY IN GENERAL, THE FUTURE OF THE NEW DIALOGUE, AND PARTICULARLY OUR POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE MOST IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE IA-ECOSOC MEETING AND THE OASGA, INCLUDING CUBA. ON MOST OF THESE ISSUES, AS YOU KNOW, WE WILL PROBABLY ENCOUNTER A GOOD DEAL OF COINCIDENCE BETWEEN URUGUAY'S POSITION AND OUR OWN AND IF NOT THIS, AT LEAST, A CONSTRUCTIVE, SOBER, UNEMOTIONAL AND NON-POLEMICAL STANCE BY URUGUAY. THERE NOW SEEMS GOOD CHANCE VEGH VILLEGAS WILL ATTEND

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IA-ECOSOC MEETING. THIS GENERAL APPRAISAL IS WHY I THINK YOUR

VISIT HERE WILL SERVE OUR INTEREST EVEN IF THE SECRETARY IS NOT ABLE TO COME AND ON THIS IMPORTANT POINT I WOULD HOPE YOU WOULD BE ABLE, IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR YOU TO CONFIRM DEFINITELY THAT THE SECRETARY WILL NOT COME ON THIS TRIP, TO EXPLAIN WHY HE CANNOT DO SO IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY. I HAVE ALREADY, OF COURSE, TOLD BLANCO THAT HIS VISIT HERE IS NOT CURRENTLY PLANNED AND HIS DISAPPOINTMENT WAS VERY REAL INDEED. NONETHELESS, I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOUR VISIT WILL BE CORDIALLY RECEIVED AND LOOKED UPON WITH IMPORTANCE.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE SECRETARY'S TRIP, I CANNOT HELP BUT STRESS AGAIN, SINCE IT APPEARS THAT HE WILL BE BEGINNING IN ARGENTINA, THE MERITS OF A STOPOVER HERE. ASIDE FROM DOING THE NECESSARY IN MONTEVIDEO, WHICH NEED ONLY INCLUDE A CALL ON THE FOMINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT WITH SOME DISCUSSION OF THE MAJOR ISSUES, HE OUGHT TO TRY TO SPEND A DAY OR TWO IN PUNTA DEL ESTE. OBSERVING HIS SCHEDULE FROM AFAR I AM CERTAIN THAT THE SECRETARY COULD BENEFIT MUCH BY A BRIEF RESPITE IN MOST PLEASANT SURROUNDINGS. A DAY OR TWO THERE (THE WEATHER SHOULD STILL BE NICE THROUGHOUT ALL OF MARCH AND THE BULK OF TOURISTS GONE) WOULD AFFORD TIME FOR REST AND REFLECTION ON LA IN GENERAL AND THE MORE DIFFICULT PLACES THE SECRETARY WILL BE VISITING ON THE REST OF THIS TRIP. WHEN I EARLIER, TENTATIVELY DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY SUCH A VISIT WITH BLANCO HE OFFERED ARRANGE SUITABLE, PRIVATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE SECRETARY.

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